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Amendments to Claims

Claim 1 – Amended:
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[at least one interior finger compartment designed to accommodate at least one finger positioned within the outer shell; and
an interior thumb compartment designed to accommodate a thumb positioned within the outer shell;
15 where the angle between the interior thumb compartment and the nearest interior finger compartment is approximately 90 degrees.]

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a mitten shaped compartment that in part holds four fingers, comprised of leather or other appropriate material, positioned and fixed upon or within the outer shell of the glove so that the finger portion of the mitten is aligned at an angle of plus or minus 40 degrees in relation to the upright "finger" portion of the outershell glove;

a thumb compartment of said mitten that is rotated forward in a plus or minus 20 degree arc from the plane of the finger portion of the mitten; and

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a fixed angle of plus or minus 90 degrees between the mitten's thumb compartment in its rotated position and the index finger portion within said mitten;

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a thumb portion of the outershell glove rotated forward in an arc of plus or minus 20 degrees from the plane of the finger portion of the outershell to conform to the chosen arc of the thumb portion of the mitten;

an opening for the hand into the mitten aligned in a plus or minus 40 degree angle to the upright finger portion of the outershell glove;

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a web/pocket area of the outershell glove, within the valley between the thumb and finger portion of the mitten system, of 30 to 50% greater surface area than gloves of prior art.

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5 [2. A fielding glove as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one interior finger compartment is designed to accommodate all four fingers.]

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[3. A fielding glove as claimed in claim 1 wherein the outer shell has an extension that extends over the inside of the wrist and is held in place by a wrist strap.]

[4. a fielding glove as claimed in claim 3 wherein the extension is a separate padded leather piece or other appropriate material.]

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[5. A fielding glove as claimed in claim 1 wherein the web is slightly larger than the span between the thumb and nearest finger of the outer shell.]

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[6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 5 wherein said web comprises a donut shaped disk centered in the aforementioned valley between the thumb slot and nearest finger slot, with straps attached to the disk that radiate out from the circumference of the disk in a star pattern attaching to various points along the edges of the aforementioned thumb and index finger and to a strap that bridges the tips of the thumb and nearest finger.]

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[7. An apparatus as claimed in claim 5 wherein said web conforms to the curved plane in the space between the thumb and nearest finger.]

Claim 2 Amended:

A fielding glove as claimed in claim 1 wherein said web comprises a donut shaped hollow ring, centered in the aforementioned valley between the thumb slot and nearest finger slot, with straps attached to the ring that radiate out from the circumference of the

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5 ring in a star pattern attaching to various points along the edges of the aforementioned
thumb and index finger and to a strap the bridges the tips of the thumb and nearest finger.

Claim 3 Amended:

10 A fielding glove as claimed in claim 1 with a least one independent finger portion
molded or shaped from near the top to near the bottom of said portion, in a concave shape
towards the back of the glove in the approximate proportions or larger, of the ball size for
which the glove is intended to be used.